



## ***JUDICIARY COMMITTEE***

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 96% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

**SB 245      "An Act Concerning Municipal Recovery of Moneys Paid on Behalf of Displaced Tenants"**

CCM supports this bill.

The bill would allow municipalities to recover the costs paid on behalf of a tenant who is housed on an emergency or temporary basis in a hotel, motel or similar establishment for lodging. These situations often present themselves when the property's condition threaten a tenant's health or safety, due to violations in public health, building or housing codes. When this occurs, the tenant becomes displaced and the municipality is required to provide temporary housing or assistance. Temporary housing often comes in the form of hotels, which then becomes must pay for.

CCM supports the bill as it would amend CGS Section 8-270a by explicitly authorizing a town or city to bring action against a landlord for reimbursement of the temporary housing fees as a result of the relocation. Landlords should not be allowed to divert from their fiscal responsibilities due to their inability to provide standard housing. The bill, by rightfully shifting the financial burden to landlords, would assist Connecticut municipalities in providing emergency temporary housing.

CCM asks the Committee to *favorably report* SB 245.

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